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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 20, 2008, Applicants submit the enclosed amendments and remarks for consideration by the Examiner and a request for a one month extension of time herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 15 of this paper.